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ALMA

During the centennial year of the Confirmation of the Society, the "Western Jesuit" will appear in eight pages, with articles and pictures describing the Society's achievements.

On a spot facing the lake, Brother Arturi is busily building a shrine of the Queen of the Society. The material is carefully chiseled sandstone from our quarries.

Adept at wood carving, Mr. St. Marie is completing a life-size crucifix. The corpus is of California redwood. The crucifix will be set up in the gardens.

Due to a confusion of institutions, some of the theologians' Christmas mail was sent by the postoffice to Alcatraz Island, Federal Penitentiary for unmanageable criminals.

In compliance with the law requiring the registration of all Spanish citizens of military age, Messrs. Pena and Ballesteros were sumoned to San Francisco by the Spanish Consul.

The fourth centennial of the Society's Confirmation was begun January 1, with a solemn High Mass. Frs. Rector, Hagemann and McCarthy were celebrant, deacon and subdeacon.

During the winter a new order of the day has been instituted.

In Portland, Mr. Custer's father died suddenly of a heart attack.

Father Victor White is continuing his speech classes in the second semester. Twelve groups meet regularly each week under his personal supervision.

Rev. Bernard Deeney of Dallas, Texas, a cousin of Father William Deeney, and a benefactor of Alma, was a visitor in January.

Under the chairmanship of Rev. Fr. Rector, the high school principals and vice-principals of the Province convened at Alma for their semi-annual meeting.

On January 5, the licentiate examinations were held.

The Provincial here for the visitation, together with Alma faculty members, attended a Mass at St. Joseph's, San Jose, for Father Laherty's mother. mother.

Triduums: Fr. Donnelly, the Mercy Sisters at St. Mary's Hospital and at St. Peter's Convent, San Francisco. Fr. Curran, the Mercy Sisters at Burlingame and Belmont. Fr. Casey, the Presentation Sisters, San Jose. Fr. Sheerin gave a Day of Recollection for the Notre Dame Sisters, Redwood City.

For reasons of health Mr. Nagle went from the hospital to Loyola High, Los Angeles.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Fr. McIntyre of the New York Province, who with Fr. O'Hurley, is giving missions in city parishes, visited the University.

A Freshman debate team participated in a debate tournament on "War and Peace" at Pomona, Calif. It is interesting to note that the Loyola debaters used ethical arguments which their opponents tried to have ruled out as having no connection with the debate.

Mr. P. J. Donohue, S.J., has successfully undergone an appendectomy.

The Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honorary Society held its initiation banquet in the Board of Directors' room of the Jonathan Club on Jan. 7. The future activities of the organization were planned. These most representative students of the University hope to take an important part in the Southland's Catholic Action work. The Society meets monthly.

On Jan. 17, Dr. Stephen Pan addressed the student assembly on the condition of Catholicism in China. Formerly secretary to Bishop Paul Yu-Pin, Dr. Pan was converted at Hong Kong by Fr. Byrne, an Irish Jesuit. He graduated from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

A magazine rack installed in the library has been well received and well used by the students.

The bindery, directed by Mr. A. Ver-

genthaler, has been doing exceptional work in binding Biological and Chemical abstracts and other works. It has also been assisting the Loyola High School Library.

Fr. Lorenzo Malone managed to place about 250 students in jobs for Christmas vacation.

Fr. Spearman is handling a benefit lecture for the Pro Parvulis Book Club directed by Fr. F. X. Donnelly, S.J., of Boston.

The scores for 16 major operas have been obtained for the library by Fr. Heney. Benefactors are making it possible for him to obtain more of these music books.

The long-awaited performances of Victor Herbert's "Fortune Teller," were had on the nights of Jan. 11 and 12. Played before capacity houses each night, the opera was acclaimed by newspaper critics and scouts from movie studios as a real professional production. The cast was selected from students registered at the University, while the orchestra was composed of Loyola students. A dinner was given at the University in honor of the cast on Jan. 16.

The student body has taken great interest in the Dies Committee on Un-American activities. Their interest has been stimulated with talks by Congressman John Costello on Dec. 13, and by Fr. Charles Leahy, S.J., on Jan. 3. After Fr. Leahy's address, the Government Committee of the Sodality, sponsor of the program, passed out 300 cards which the students signed and sent to Congress to ask for the continuance of the Dies Committee.

LOS GATOS

A new caretaker at Williams' Lake, replacing "Andy," now retired, informed the Juniors who intended to walk there at Christmas time, that permission to walk to the dam is refused to everyone. A time-honored walk is no more.

On New Year's Day, Father Provincial was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass which started the Society's Jubilee year at the Novitiate. The choir under the direction of Brother Huesman sang Carlo Rossini's Mass.

Brother Meehan, called to San Francisco by the death of his father on New Year's Day, was confined to St. Mary's Hospital for a couple of weeks because of a strep infection in his leg.

The heavy rainfall of 11.8 inches during the first 10 days of January, caused no serious land slides.

Donations were made for three large missals and two requiem missals.

Father Rector gave an 8-day retreat at Saratoga to the Notre Dame Novices and to the various Superiors.

SAN FRANCISCO

Eugene O'Meara, a University sophomore, won the gold medal in the annual Sullivan Oratorical Contest, held by Ignatian Council, Y. M. I. Loyola, Santa Clara, U. S. F., and St. Mary's College competed.

At a recent teachers' meeting in the high school, the head of the English Department, University of California, was a guest speaker. His general topic was the English A examination at the universities. He gave a special talk to the members of the English Department.

On Jan. 30, Father Moore spoke at all the Masses for "Jesuit Missions."

Father Peter Dunne gave a triduum to the Holy Cross Sisters in Salt Lake.

New Year's Eve, Father Bart O'Neill preached at the Te Deum services.

The University Band played at the Shrine East-West game.

Early last fall Father Peter Dunne was placed on a committee by Dr. Charles B. Lipman, Dean of the Graduate Division, University of California, to aid Mr. George D. Gibson in researches necessary for his doctrinorial dissertation, and to be one of a board of examiners for the candidate's final examination. The subject of the dissertation was: Jesuit Education of the Indians in New France. The examination took place at Berkeley, December 16. Doctors Swift and Bolton were joint chairmen at the three hour oral; those assisting were Professors French, Priestley, Kemp, and Father Dunne. Dr. Gibson is professor of history at San Francisco State Teachers' College.

During the Christmas holidays, Father Dunne spent some days in Chicago examining documents for his biography of Father Perez de Ribas, early Jesuit Jesuit missionary in Sinaloa and Sonora. As Father Dunne is a member of the executive board of the American Catholic Historical Association, he attended the meetings in Washington, D. C.

SANTA CLARA

Brother James Murphy was buried on Dec. 29, following a Requiem Mass celebrated by Father Provincial in the Mission Church. Brother collapsed on Dec. 23, fell into a coma, and died Dec. 26.

Father C. Deeney is conducting a course in Introductory Sociology three evenings each week. This is the first time that evening classes have been held since the abandonment of the night law school.

Brother McNamara, second year Novice Coadjutor, by way of hospital experience, is assisting Brother O'Shaughnessy in the care of Fathers Culligan and Gabriel, who both continue about the same.

"Sanctity in America," a volume sketching the lives and sanctity of 24 servants of God who labored in this country, has been written by the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate in the United States. Its purpose is to further the causes of 16 of these uncanonized servants of God. Among the sketches is one on the "Holy Man of Santa Clara," Padre Magin Catala, O.F.M. The Papal Delegate says that Padre Catala is one whose active work and inner sanctity are not as well known as they should be.

Student enrollment for the second semester of 1939-40 is 470, a decrease of 46 from the enrollment of the first semester.

The former law library and the second floor of the stackroom in Varsi Library have recently been equipped with new metal stacks.

A benefactor, Mr. Logan of Inverness, Marin Co., has donated a truckload of plants for the gardens. The lawns flanking the walk by the Mission Church on the way to Nobili Hall have been enhanced with rows of Standard Roses, a valuable species.

"Brother Orchid," a 3-act play, adapted by Leo Brady from a short story of Richard Connell, will be presented in March by the Clay M. Greene Players. Father O'Connell is moderator and Professor Fenton McKenna will direct the production.

Paul Leake, an alumnus, has been appointed Collector of Customs at San Francisco by President Roosevelt. The appointment was opposed by Senator Sheridan Downey.

Leonard Casanova '26, head freshman football coach for the past four years, has succeeded Justin Fitzgerald, likewise an alumnus, as varsity baseball coach.

BELLARMINE PREP

A medal was awarded to Vernon Crowe, a sophomore, for quick thinking in saving the life of his chum, John Miaz, when the latter lost a foot under a freight train at our station. Crowe applied a tourniquet to the bleeding leg and saved Miaz from bleeding to death before help arrived. The Redwood City American Legion Post tendered Crowe a banquet and offered congratulations.

During the Christmas holidays Father Franchi's mother died from the effects of an automobile accident. The entire faculty attended the Solemn Requiem in Holy Family Church. Two members of the diocesan clergy were also in attendance.

During the Christmas vacations, Father Rice gave a 6-day retreat to the Holy Names in Oakland.

A bad cold forced Father Hanley to spend some days at O'Connor Sanitarium.

A gift of several new trees and shrubs for the garden were recently received by Father Rice.

Father Kelly gave Days of Recollection to the Notre Dame Sisters in San Jose and at Saratoga.

There were 252 tables at the annual Whist Party given by the Dads' Club, December 15. It was the largest party ever to attend. The gross income was about $1200.

VARIA

The Tertians have received their destination for the coming school year.

Fr. Brusher, the Catholic Univ.
Fr. Cahill, Santa Barbara.
Fr. W. Crowley, Santa Clara.
Fr. Harney, University of Calif.
Fr. Hesser, Loyola High.
Fr. Kern, Loyola University.
Fr. OMara, St. Ignatius High.
Fr. O'Sullivan, U. of San Francisco.
Fr. Ransford, Loyola High.
Fr. Stretch, Bellarmine.
Fr. Sugrue, St. Ignatius High.
Fr. Finnegan, Los Gatos.

As a practical demonstration of Catholic Action, on Dec. 31, the last Sunday of the year, at Holy Family Church, San Jose, more than 400 members of different parish organizations: the Boy Scouts in uniform, the Children of Mary in uniform, the Holy Name Society, the Christian Mothers, and others, received Holy Communion in a body. The local branch of the Italian Catholic Federation originated the idea, and plans to make it an annual event.

In December, 125 children and adults were confirmed at Holy Family Church, San Jose.

Three churches in the northwest were robbed while Tertians were there for

Christmas. At Mt. Vernon a modest sum of money, at Denton a larger sum and gifts, at Everett a much greater amount of money and other things were stolen. Fathers Wilfrid Crowley, McNabb and O'Mara, the Tertians at these churches, lost their personal belongings. The Immaculate in Seattle, where none of Ours supplied, was also burglarized.

At St. Joseph's, Seattle, Father Joseph Stack gave a Mission for Men. The mission was sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

Mr. David Walsh, a 3rd year philosopher in Spokane, was dangerously ill with pneumonia in December. He was in the oxygen tent for many days, and his life was despaired of. His mother came up from San Francisco. All the philosophers prayed hard to save the waning life.

Their Excellencies, Bishop Walter Fitzgerald and Bishop Armstrong, were entrtained by Georgetown on December 11. As the guests of V. Rev. Fr. Assistant they went to te Georgetown-Maryland football game.

On the occasion of its Semi-Centennial Exercises at the Catholic University, Father Assistant received an honorary degree on behalf of V. Rev. Fr. General.

Just another day for Father Hubbard: On Nov. 22 he was in Jersey City. In the morning there was a radio interview; then an address to 5,500 girls of the West Catholic and Hallahan High Schools. In the afternoon, a talk at St. Joseph's College to our students; next a talk at Ravenhill Academy; some publicity at St. Joseph's Hospital Nursery for the benefit of which a later lecture was to be given; another radio interview conducted this time by the students of St. Joseph's College.

From the four Provinces of France the report comes that 780 of Ours are in the army: Champagne has 240; Paris 213; Lyons 216 (10 of them priests); Toulouse 46 priests, 56 scholastics, 10 brothers. Belgium has about 200 more priests and brothers in the service. Ours are doing effective work with their fellow soldiers in reviving or imparting a spirit of faith and religion.

In January Father Vaughan arrived in New York from Rome. Conditions in the world prevented him from working on the International News Broadcast.

Father Provincial and Msgr. Edward Maher with 12 of Ours from various houses and 9 secular clergy, attended the Requiem Mass sung at St. Joseph's, San Jose, by Father Laherty for his mother. The Notre Dame choir sang the Mass; Notre Dame High attended in a body

BROTHER JAMES MURPHY

1868 —Aug. 16, b. Stewartsville, Pa., of Patrick Murphy and Mary Dixon.
1893 —Nov. 12, admitted by Fr. Imoda.
1893-95—Novice, Los Gatos.
1895-96—San Francisco.
1896 —Dec. 8, Vows at Los Gatos.
1896-00—Clothesroom, Santa Clara.
1900-01—Los Gatos.
1901-02—Porter, Santa Clara.
1902-03—Porter, Clothesroom, S. Clara.
1903-05—Infirmarian, Clothesroom, S. Clara.
1904 —Feb. 2, Last Vows, S. Clara.
1905-08—Clothesroom, Santa Clara.
1908-13—Porter, Clothesroom, S. Clara.
1913-19—Clothesroom, Santa Clara.
1919-21—Sacristan, S. Jos., Seattle.
1922-25—Porter, Tacoma.
1925-32—Porter, Clothesroom, Loy. Hi.
1932-35—Porter, Phoenix.
1935-36—Los Gatos.
1936-39—Cur, val., Santa Clara.
1939 —Dec. 27, d. Santa Clara.

Brother Murphy was a very quiet man and had a quietly cheerful character. This would seem to be one reason why he so frequently held the office of porter during his 47 years in the Society.

He also spent many years in the clothesroom, chiefly at Santa Clara. It was his task to sort the linen and bring it to the laundry operated by the house; and afterwards to distribute fresh linen to the community. Uncomplainingly he filled this office for 28 years.

For the last few years of his life he was not able to do much. At the end he had a stroke which left him unconscious for some three days. He quietly closed a quiet life on December 27th at the age of 72.

DEATHS OF OURS

Dec. 24, Br. Edw. Horwedel, Nulato.
Dec. 27, Br. Jas. Murphy, Santa Clara.
Jan. 9, Fr. Francis Monroe, Spokane.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Mother of Father Laherty.
Father of Bro. Joseph Meehan.
Mother of Father Franchi.
Father of Mr. Arnold Custer.
Aunt of Father Duce.
In Malta, the father of Father John Mifsud.